

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

September 2013 – Week 1

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TITLE: MISSION DEMOLISHED

SEPTEMBER 1766 AND THE LADY OF LIGHT IS WIPED OUT.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1766. EL ORCOQUISAC ON TRINITY BAY, NEAR PRESENT DAY WALLISVILLE.

FOR TEN YEARS, THE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA LUZ MISSION, OR LADY OF LIGHT, HAS STRUGGLED TO GET BY. FEW INDIANS COME TO FIND GOD IN THE MUDDY, MOSQUITO-INFESTED CHURCH. AT THE NEARBY PRESIDIO, THE SOLDIERS DESERTED DUE TO LOW MORALE. TWO YEARS AGO IT NEARLY BURNED DURING AN UPRISING.

TODAY, IT GETS WORSE. THE FIRST RECORDED HURRICANE TO HIT GALVESTON BAY SLAMS INTO THE SETTLEMENT WITH A TIDAL SURGE OF SEVEN FEET. THE LOW-LYING MISSION IS WIPED OUT; THE PRESIDIO DAMAGED.

THE SPANISH ABANDON THE SITE, AND THE UNLUCKY SETTLEMENT IS NO MORE.

A HURRICANE WIPED OUT THE LADY OF LIGHT 247 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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